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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 26, 2007, the period for response to which extends through September 26, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.